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THE MONTGOMERY BLAIR, who is the father of the free delivery system of letters in large cities, a system he inaugurated by the Postmaster General, is opposed to postal cards, because they decrease the receipts of the Post Office Department. Three cents, he thinks, is quite little enough to pay for transporting a communication through the mails.

TURKEY borrowed exactly a thousand million dollars of English capitalists, and built an ironclad navy, which, as John Bull says, "will never pay seven per cent." Nor does it seem to be of great or permanent value, for some reason or other. One monitor has been sunk in the Danube, and several more are there aground and will have to be abandoned or destroyed.

THE Postmaster General concludes that the present plain postal card is good enough, and will therefore continue it in use. The present card answers the purpose very well, and the people will not complain because they do not get a card colored pea green on one side and sky blue on the other. The latter cost more for their manufacture, and are no better than the ordinary plain card.

THE Mayor, Police Commissioners and theatrical managers of Cincinnati are conferring together on the question of permitting places of amusement to be opened on Sundays. The Mayor is disposed to grant them licenses if they be conducted properly, but some of the Commissioners fear that authorizing the legitimate drama would open the door for the other kind. The managers are to be invited to give their views on the subject. Meanwhile some places give performances on Sunday, though the law forbids it.

THE four hundredth anniversary of the art of printing in England by William Caxton will be celebrated, in connection with the jubilee or fiftieth anniversary of the Printers' Pension, Alms-house and Orphan Asylum Corporation, in the month of June. A chief feature of the celebration will be an exhibition of antiquities and curiosities connected with the art of printing. The exhibition will be held in the Exhibition Buildings at South Kingston, and will include books from the press of Caxton, of Colard Mansion of Bruges, of whom Caxton learned his art, and from the presses of several contemporaries and successors of Caxton, in the fifteenth century.

PROVED INNOCENT AFTER MANY YEARS.—The Adrian, Michigan, Times says: Twelve years ago, in the township of Rome, Edward Baker was tried for stealing a quantity of gold and silver from his grandmother, Mrs. Brooks, and, although circumstantial evidence was strong against him, he was not convicted. A short time ago the old lady died, and, among other bequests, left him a large sum of money. He accepted it, and cleared Mr. Baker from the suspicion resting upon him. In the matter was found a bag, containing \$12 in gold, \$20 in greenbacks, some silver, and \$150 in notes. Undoubtedly they were found just where Grandmother Brooks had placed them for safekeeping. She had hidden her treasure there, and with her failing memory had forgotten the hiding-place.

A RATHER novel case has been before the Rochester (N. Y.) courts this week. For some years the Indians residing upon the reservation in Lenox, Madison county, have been in the habit of robbing at each election, the inspectors never failing to receive their ballots, though they have been regularly challenged. Last fall it was decided to test the system in the courts, and two red men, answering to the names of Abraham Elm and Louis Deater, were indicted. Their trial has just occurred, and the judge decided that an Indian residing on a reservation and in charge of an agent is an alien, and therefore has no right to vote. As the offending ex-aborigines were respectable members of society, the judge refused to pass sentence upon them, on the ground that it was a test case, to decide a point that has been in dispute; but future offenders will be made to suffer.

THE South Carolina House of Representatives have adopted, by a vote of 74 to 23, a clause in an appropriation bill providing for the payment of the January and July interest on the State debt, and it is believed that the Senate will concur. This is a good example for some other Southern States. Next to public peace and political order, nothing will promote prosperity in the South more than a plain disposition on the part of the South to pay its lawful debts. The excuse sometimes made for not paying them—that the State was not benefited by incurring them—will not hold good. If a merchant who authorizes an agent to buy goods in his name should refuse to pay some cash to pay for the goods because the agent had run away with the goods or sold them and pocketed the money, the proceeding would be regarded as absurd and immoral. It is no better for the State to refuse to pay its bonds in the hands of innocent holders because its Legislature wrongfully appropriated the money paid for the bonds, or because the money was stolen by the State's officers.

THE WEATHER AND ITS EFFECTS.—The effects of the sudden hot weather are everywhere visible—beneficially, in the long and swift leap which vegetation has taken on the road to maturity; unpleasantly, in the varied discomforts to which it has subjected men, women and children, whom it has taken unawares; disastrously in those columns of newspapers in which meteorological philosophers try to reduce the weather to a scientific system. For example, the Tribune's fly has been nearly roasted on his way across his checkerboard; or the milk in which he drops before beginning to crawl has been turned sour by the heat; or something else has happened to interfere with the regular and satisfactory flow of "variations" and "perpendicular lines" and "oscillations" and so forth. Upon the whole, however, the weather is good—good for the growing crops, good for the ripening and cheapening of fruit, which presently will come in great quantity into the market, good for the citizens who are glad to get out of doors into the fresh air and under the sunning, and good for all the interests, industrial and social, which spring up and flourish in the summer time.

ALL the new York papers have a good word to say for Mrs. Hayes, and most of them for the President; the cantankerous Sun, of course, excepted.

PERSONS AND THINGS.

WOMAN'S first choice is a fast man, then a good man, and finally any man. It cost Krupp, the German gun maker, \$120,000 for the Centennial Exposition. Nearly \$1,000,000 worth of human hair was imported into France last year. The trial of the men who attempted to rob Abraham Lincoln's tomb will take place at Springfield, Ill., in a few days.

Captain Jenks of the horse marines, can't find his horse on parade and leaves the command to his adjutant, because he's in the army.

THE man who invents some way by which a fellow can take his liver out in the spring and hang it up in the back yard and whip it as they do carpets, will confer a boon on his fellows.—*Rome Sentinel.*

THERE are estimated to be 200,000 wolves in Russia. Last year they ate 161 human beings, and in various ways cost the country \$10,000,000. Since the emancipation of the serfs "wolf hunting" has ceased.

A WOMAN in Minneapolis parted from her husband because she believed that he did not love her, and then he killed himself because she had deserted him. Evidently they did not understand each other.

THEIR is a piquant report to the effect that after carefully reading his obituary, Mr. A. H. Stephens has declared that from his life and traits of character of which hitherto he has been profoundly ignorant.

I AM willing to rock the baby while wimmin folks are bilingssing; I am ready to cut rags to work into rag carpets; they can keep me hunting hen's eggs, or picking green kurrants; or I will even pick kurrants or kurrant apples for snags, but I won't chore.—*John Killings.*

AN English woman, who was born without arms, has just had twins. She wears her wedding ring on her toe, and does all the house-work with her feet with a dexterity that is surprising. How she will manage to nurse her twin babies is a problem yet to be solved.

JUDAH P. BENJAMIN, the Confederate Secretary of State, is one of the most popular lawyers in London, and has an income of over \$100,000 a year. He is 65, was born in St. Domingo, is a Hebrew, went to New Orleans after graduating at Yale, was a Whig, then a Democratic United States Senator, and then a Confederate.

JUDAH KISS, the new Collector of New Orleans, in assuming his position, announces that outside of four or five of the chief subordinate positions in the Custom House he intends to make very few changes. Altogether, he expects to appoint about fifteen hundred applications for positions, although the whole number to be filled in the Custom House is only two hundred and forty-three.

THE Philadelphia Saturday Evening Post, one of the oldest literary newspapers in the country, was sold by the sheriff Saturday, to satisfy a judgment for \$5,000. The paper was started in 1821, and at one time before the war reached a circulation of over 90,000 copies. It is a memorable fact, illustrative of the intemperance of those times, that the advocacy of the abolition of slavery cost the Post a sudden decrease of \$5,000 in its circulation.

THE practice of muzzling dogs during the warm weather is based upon the notion that they are more liable to hydrophobia in the summer than in the winter season. It is very doubtful whether facts will sustain this theory. An unusually large number of cases of hydrophobia have been reported during the winter and spring, and in most cases the bites were inflicted in cool or cold weather. If the practice of muzzling is an unnecessary one, it ought to be discontinued in mercy to the dogs.

THE so-called "carnival" in New York City last year turned out to be a most disgraceful and offensive failure, as any one might have prophesied it would. But the shrewd fellows who got it up made a lot of money by it, as they expected to, and, by collecting large subsidies in advance from hotel and saloon keepers, and second by charging tradesmen, etc., roundly for advertising their wares in the procession. The crowd of lookers on was immense, and that was the redeeming feature of the affair. So many people were disappointed and disgusted at the miserable character of the thing that it will never be possible to get up another of the kind in the city—at least not during the present generation.

OUR WELLBORN LETTER.

WELLSBURG, MAY 20.
Editors Intelligencer.
We had a jail delivery on Friday evening last about 5 o'clock. Benj. Parish and Geo. Nelson, committed for taking a skiff belonging to Jacob Miller without his consent, managed to get out of the cages in which they were confined, and then stole the skiff and fled to the water. When the woman opened the outside door to deliver them the water, they rushed past her into the alley and escaped to the hills. Sheriff Curtis being out of town, as also his deputy, no effort was made for their recapture until Saturday morning, when a reward of ten dollars each was offered, but up to this time it seems as if no one is anxious to earn that amount, in that particular line. It is supposed that the fugitives are by this time well on their way towards the setting sun, to look upon the solitude where the grasshopper doth flourish.

A number of dwelling houses in and about town are being repaired and otherwise renovated.

C. W. HANSEN and Fred. Springborn, late saloon keepers here, have located in Steubenville and opened saloons there. A drunken man is seldom seen on our streets now, if there is, the query is, "Where did he get his whiskey?" Last week was the first since the inauguration of the Murphy movement here that no temperance meetings were held. There should be one occasionally even if there are no more signers to be obtained.

Rev. Williamon of the Reformed Episcopal Church, located at Chicago, formerly of the West Virginia M. E. Church Sabbath morning, and in the evening at the Episcopal Church. His sermons are highly spoken of.

The favorable weather of the past two weeks has been taken advantage of by good housewives for house cleaning, and in consequence articles used on such occasions have been active.

The potato bug has not forgotten us. He is here in all his former glory in spite of the many soakings of Paris green that he and his ancestors received in former years. He that discovers sure annihilation to the potato bug, and life to the potato at the same time, will surely be looked upon as a human benefactor.

W. W. Glendinning, the popular urban grocer, and A. W. Kuhn, start-to-go for Kansas and neighboring States on a prospecting tour. They will probably at a future date locate in that region. G. B. C.

WHAT THE TELEPHONE CAN DO.

New and Interesting Discoveries.—While a Noble People to Conquer Through 5,000 Miles of Salt Water? (From the Springfield Republican.) Those who witnessed the exhibition of the telephone of Prof. Bell in this city, Westfield and Pittsfield, may well remember how amazed they were, while yet they were, in one of the miracles of our most marvellous age. The instrument of Prof. Bell is extremely simple. It consists of an ordinary electro-magnet, mounted before a membrane of steel in a sounding-box, and connected with a telegraph wire. It can be used, and used, the other evening, in connection with a battery, transmitting music from a telephone office by means of small steel points touching the reeds of the instrument, and each communicating with the wire. By this means musical tones (and chords) are produced at the receiving end of the wire used. But its distinguishing achievement requires no battery, and could not, in fact, be attained with one.

To send the tones of the human voice the instrument is connected with the battery and the circuit made through the earth. The message is then uttered in a funnel leading into the sounding-box, and the sound-waves of the voice, striking upon the membrane within, are instantaneously converted into musical tones, which travel along the wire, and at the other end of the circuit are reproduced with distinctness, and with their characteristic so preserved that the speaker can be recognized. The things we have briefly mentioned were demonstrated Saturday night over a distance of fifty miles, but some of the public have been at longer distances, and in private experiment conversation has been carried on between New York and Boston, through 235 miles of wire. The most remarkable test so far occurred in New Haven, in a company including members of the family of the President.

THE experiment was made by the return circuit, and these wires were extended from a telephone through several apartments into a room where sixteen persons stood in two ranks; the first person in each rank took the end of one wire, and the eighth person in each touched wires attached to the magnet of a second instrument, and the tones of the voice were sent with entire success through these sixteen human bodies. After this Prof. Bell reasonably anticipated talking across the Atlantic. Such an experiment in sending an electric current through the cable is placed at 7,000 ohms (the ohm is the unit of resistance in the technique phrase of electricians) while that of the human body is estimated at about 8,000.

The practical uses of the invention are suggesting themselves already. Among the purposes to which it will be applied first are for conveying intelligence in mines, which is already under consideration; communicating from one office with a large number of factories, for instance, in New England, and a manufacturer intends to utilize it as soon as may be, and for the benefit of divers beneath the ocean. The size of the telephone sounding-box is of small consequence, and a complete instrument may be made not larger than the palm of the hand. Such a one could easily be attached to the diver's armor in a way to allow him at any time to speak with his assistants above, and its value in that instance is plain. We do not understand that it is Professor Bell's intention as yet to manufacture the instrument, but it will eventually have to be done.

One of the strange incidental experiences of the telephone indicates, in a manner actually weird and magical, a possible entrance into the new peninsula, for in listening there comes to the ear inexpressible noise, like the bubbling of water, or like the crackling of fire, or sometimes like the hum of a crowd, and then anon like the grating of a storm; noises not of the nature of that dull hum which comes when one applies a sensitive ear to the ear of a bell, but of a comprehensible, and suggesting that nature's elemental forces are surprised at work.

EDGE BY WEIGHT.—The bill now pending in the New York Legislature, providing that hereafter in that State all contracts for the sale and purchase of eggs shall be by weight and not by number, and that one pound eight ounces shall be held to be equivalent to a dozen or twelve eggs, is meeting with determined opposition from the merchants there, and a strong petition is now in circulation for signatures remonstrating against its passage. It is thought that the effect of the bill, if passed, would be to drive the business, which at present aggregates from twenty to twenty-five million dollars annually, out of the State, to Baltimore, Philadelphia and other places, as dealers state that it would then be impossible to handle the article with any profit. Eggs are now sold by the dozen, in barrels which usually contain about seventy dozen, and if these should be to be weighed and weighed, the labor would be so great that there would be no calculating the loss entailed thereby.

A KENTUCKY ROMANCE.—A boy of seventeen and a girl of fifteen went from Kentucky, where the law requires marriage consent for the marriage of minors, across the river to Cincinnati, where they were able to get a license and have the ceremony performed. They had been married about an hour when the bride's father arrived; but, being unable to detain the couple, he had the boy arrested on a charge of larceny in stealing the girl's clothing. Then the groom's father came, and became the young people's friend in need by giving bail.

TRAVELERS' GUIDE.

DEPARTURE OF TRAINS.
B. & O. R. R. A. M. 4:00 P. M. 5:20 P. M.
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A CARD.

To all who are suffering from the errors and indiscretions of youth, nervous weakness, early decay, loss of manhood, etc., I will send you a recipe that will cure you, FREE OF CHARGE. I have been cured by it, and I have cured many others. I am a Dr. J. C. H. QUIMBY, 1214 Market Street, New York City.

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BASE BALL.

TUESDAY, May 23 (today), at the FAIR GROUNDS, LIVE OAKS, of Lynn, Mass., vs. STANDARDS, of Wheeling. Game called at 2:15 P. M. Admission, 25 cents. MEMPHIS BIRD'S 25th, 25th and 26th.

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THE.

Eng. Luth. Mission S. School's.

EXCURSION TO WASHINGTON, PA.

To-morrow, Wednesday, May 23.

General Orders No. 2.

First section of special train.

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